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Professor Joshua Lederberg Department of Genetics Stanford University Stanford, California

Dear Josh:

I would be grateful if you would write a letter on my behalf to Dr. John Fryer for the position of Chairman of Microbiology at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. I will have to be convinced that I can maintain a reasonably strong research program there for me to seriously consider the position.

Crown gall is still poorly understood, but with the discovery that a large plasmid is required for pathogenesis, we have something to get our teeth into. We are now looking for fragments of the plasmid in the tumor. We have evidence that neither the entire plasmid nor a significant portion of it is present in tumor cells.

Please write to

Dr. John Fryer
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Sincerely,

Eugene W. Nester

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